

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2024
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – President Skip Coulter called the meeting to order at 9:28am.

PLEDGE TO FLAG – Clem Clapp led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – REA Jacob Turner and intern Will West presented Betsy Smith with her hard earned and much deserved Advanced Master Gardener certificate and pin. Congratulations, Betsy . . . we are proud of you!

PROGRAM – This month’s program was presented by three of our association’s Conservation Group members, Hugh Nichols, Betsy Smith and Trisha Williams. Our Conservation Group was officially formed in May 2023 and one of the CG’s mission statements is, *“To promote education and awareness of native plant species growing in, or around, Chilton County”*. To fulfill that mission, the CG has created a presentation template for use in community educational and awareness settings. The presentation identifies the coordinating partners (Alabama Plant Conservation Alliance, U.S. Forest Service, Auburn University Davis Arboretum, to name a few) and begins with the relevance of biodiversity in Alabama. Complete with corresponding photos, topics include native, non-native, and invasive plants. Endangered or at-risk plants are discussed, and the three focus plants of our CG (Mohr’s Barbara Button, Alabama Canebrake Pitcher Plant, and Owls Eye Ginger) are detailed along with accompanying photos of the group on field trip locations. An extensive list of resources that support the group’s goals is provided within the presentation.

GUESTS INTRODUCTION – Visiting our association’s monthly meeting was our State Coordinator, Kerry Smith, our Alabama Master Gardener President, Devonne Ellis, and our Alabama Master Gardener Vice President, Debbie Boutelier. Their input and participation were a welcome and appreciated treat!

REMEMBERING MEMBERS – Skip Coulter lead the association in a time of remembrance for three of our recently passed members, Joan Barber, Rick Miller and Alan Reed. During a slide show presentation, the membership shared stories and special recollections of CCMGA participation.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS – Patricia Agee, Amy Baker and Peggy McGraw.

MINUTES – Kerry Rush reported that the May 2024 minutes were emailed to the membership and were posted on the CCMGA website. There were no corrections or changes so the minutes will stand as posted. Kerry also provided an Advisory Council update pertaining to the Pathways publications. In the future, and in lieu of one link leading to and requiring scrolling through 80+ pages of the publication, multiple links will be provided, separating sections.

ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ADVISORY COUNCIL – Betsy Smith shared the dates for upcoming conferences:

2025 AMGA Conference: April 3-5, First Baptist Church, Prattville; theme *“Fountains of Knowledge: Learn, Grow, Share”*; hosted by the Autauga Master Gardeners.

2026 AMGA Conference: May 6-8, Westin Hotel, Huntsville; theme *“Gardening to the Moon and Back”*; hosted by the Tri County Master Gardeners.

FINANCES – Along with providing the May 2024 financial report, Judy Cobb shared that a \$300 donation was given by the CCMGA to the Master Gardener Horticulture Scholarship at Auburn University in memory of Joan Barber, Rick Miller and Alan Reed.

Chilton County Master Gardener Association
Monthly Reconciliation
May 2024

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,342.97
Ending Balance	\$ 9350.73
<hr/>	
Total Deposits	\$ 0.00
Total Withdrawals	\$ 0.00
Total Checks	\$ 992.24
<hr/>	
Checks Outstanding	\$ 0.00
<hr/>	
Net Balance Checking	\$ 9350.73
<hr/>	
Cash Box Reserve	\$ 100.00
Small Business CD	\$ 8,361.18
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 17,811.91

CCMGA ANNUAL PLANT SALE 2025 – Trisha Williams announced the dates for next year’s annual plant sale: Saturday, April 12th; rain date, Saturday, April 19th.

SEED SAVING – Skip Coulter and Hugh Nichols presented an idea and to solicit interest in creating a seed exchange among members. More information will follow.

GARDENING TRIVIA CHALLENGE – Skip Coulter led the challenge among the Annuals and Perennials with the Annuals taking the prize this month.

Appreciation is extended to Hugh Nichols for the Lone Star Hibiscus plants and to the Country Store for gardening accessories for this month’s door prizes. Congrats to the winners Amy Baker, Pat Farmer/Audrey Giles, Diane Clapp and Kerry Rush.

With no new or old business, Skip Coulter adjourned the meeting at 11:10am. The July 2024 membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 9:00am at the Clanton Recreation Center.

ATTENDANCE -

Members: 23 Interns: 1 Guests: 5 TOTAL: 29

Minutes submitted by Kerry Rush